



William James Neighbors

February 7, 1927 - October 22, 2018

William James Neighbors of St. James, Missouri passed away on Monday, October 22, 2018 at the age of 91. He was born in St. James, Missouri on February 7, 1927 to William Henry and Virginia (Hume) Neighbors.

William was raised in St. James and graduated in the class of 1945 from St. James High School. Shortly after graduation, William proudly served in the United States Army. He was stationed in Germany during WWII; this is where he would meet the love of his life Ingrid Ehlert. The two were married on June 12, 1950; this union was blessed with four children. After his honorable discharge from the Army, William worked as a machinist in the automotive industry for thirty years in St. Louis, Missouri. After his retirement he was very active in the Masonic Lodge, Odd Fellows, York Rite, Scottish Rite and Shriner's organization. When he wasn't attending meetings, William enjoyed spending time outdoors; hunting, fishing and tending to his lawn. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend who will be greatly missed by all that knew and loved him.

William is survived by daughters, Patricia Sundays of Winfield, MO and Karen (John) Svejkosky of Fort Worth, TX; grandchildren, Shelly, Ronnie (Amanda), John, Kimberly (Dan), Danna (Jason), Dannielle (Greg) and Johnny; thirteen great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild; sister, Betty Webster of St. James, MO.

In addition to his parents, William was preceded in death by his wife Ingrid; two sons, Kenneth and Michael Neighbors; sisters, Janet Forrester, Shirley Louise Neighbors and Lorene Brown.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Rolla Chapel of the James and Gahr Mortuary, Rolla, Missouri at 2:00PM on Thursday, October 25, 2018 with a Masonic Service at 2:30PM. There will be an inurnment at Jefferson Barracks on Friday, October 26, 2018. Memorials are suggested to the Masonic Home of Missouri. Cards are available at all James and Gahr locations.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT **25**. 2:00 PM (CT)

James & Gahr Mortuary - Rolla
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Rolla, MO 65401
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Masonic Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *William James Neighbors*

January 30, 2023 at 04:37 AM



“ *William James Neighbors*

January 30, 2023 at 02:54 AM



“ *Thanks for being my dad. You will always be misse.*

karen svejkosky - October 26, 2018 at 08:34 AM



“ *Pat and Karen,
So very sorry for your loss. I alws us will have good memories of
being at your house. Loved your mom and dad. He,s with her again.
Peace ♡*

Barbara Benson Higgerson - October 25, 2018 at 03:56 PM



“ *Patricia S. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity
Spray for the family of William James Neighbors.*



Patricia S. - October 24, 2018 at 09:29 PM

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“ *It is with great sadness that I receive the news of Bill's death. He was a wonderful man and Mason! I am honored to have called him my brother.*



Trent Moreland, Ph.D. - October 24, 2018 at 04:19 PM